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August 11, 2017

90-day Release Event Report  
Fuels Refinery B2626, Episode ID #07D38

Mr. Wayne Kino  
Director of Compliance and Enforcement  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
375 Beale Street, Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Kino:

Pursuant to BAAQMD Regulation 8, Rule 28-304.1, a 90-day report is enclosed for Episode ID #07D38.

Background

On May 5, 2017, the Valero Benicia Refinery experienced a sudden, immediate, and total loss of PG&E 230 kV power that resulted in the immediate and unplanned shutdown of the entire refinery. The Coker Unit was cleared, Coker unit equipment was checked and equipment was repaired where necessary. In preparation of the eventual refinery startup, a minimal feed rate was introduced into the unit on May 11, 2017. On May 15, the Coker Unit experienced a sudden and immediate pressure event which caused the Coker scrubber overhead safety valves (SV903's A-E) to lift to atmosphere. Operations conducted an emergency shutdown of the Coker and the valves reseated.

Valero immediately reported the incident (BAAQMD Incident Report No. 07D38), submitted the required 30-day report and hereby submits the required 90-day report.

Please note that the attached report contains information that the Valero Refinery considers to be trade secret and confidential business information (CBI) as defined by the California Public Records Act, Government Code § 6254.7 et seq., and the Freedom of Information Act, 40 CFR Part 2 (40 CFR § 2.105(a)(4)), 5 USC 552(b)(4), and 18 USC 1905. Because of the sensitive and competitive nature of this information, the Valero

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Refinery requests that the District afford the information CBI status and treatment indefinitely.

Please contact Lisa Crowley at (707) 745-7925 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Ronan', with a stylized, cursive script.

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